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Organic Certification and Inspection

Systems



*National Programme for
Organic Production*

Module 4: Inspection and Certification Process
Session 1: Accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies



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Accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies

- ❑ Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee, eligible Inspection and Certification Agencies will be accredited by the National Accreditation Body.
- ❑ These agencies should be well versed with the operating procedures, the NSOP and the international standards.
- ❑ Their programmes should have been in operation for at least one year and they should be able to provide the supporting documents.



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Organic Inspection, Source: Google Image



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Inspectors

The inspectors, appointed by the accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies will carry out inspection of the operations through records maintained.

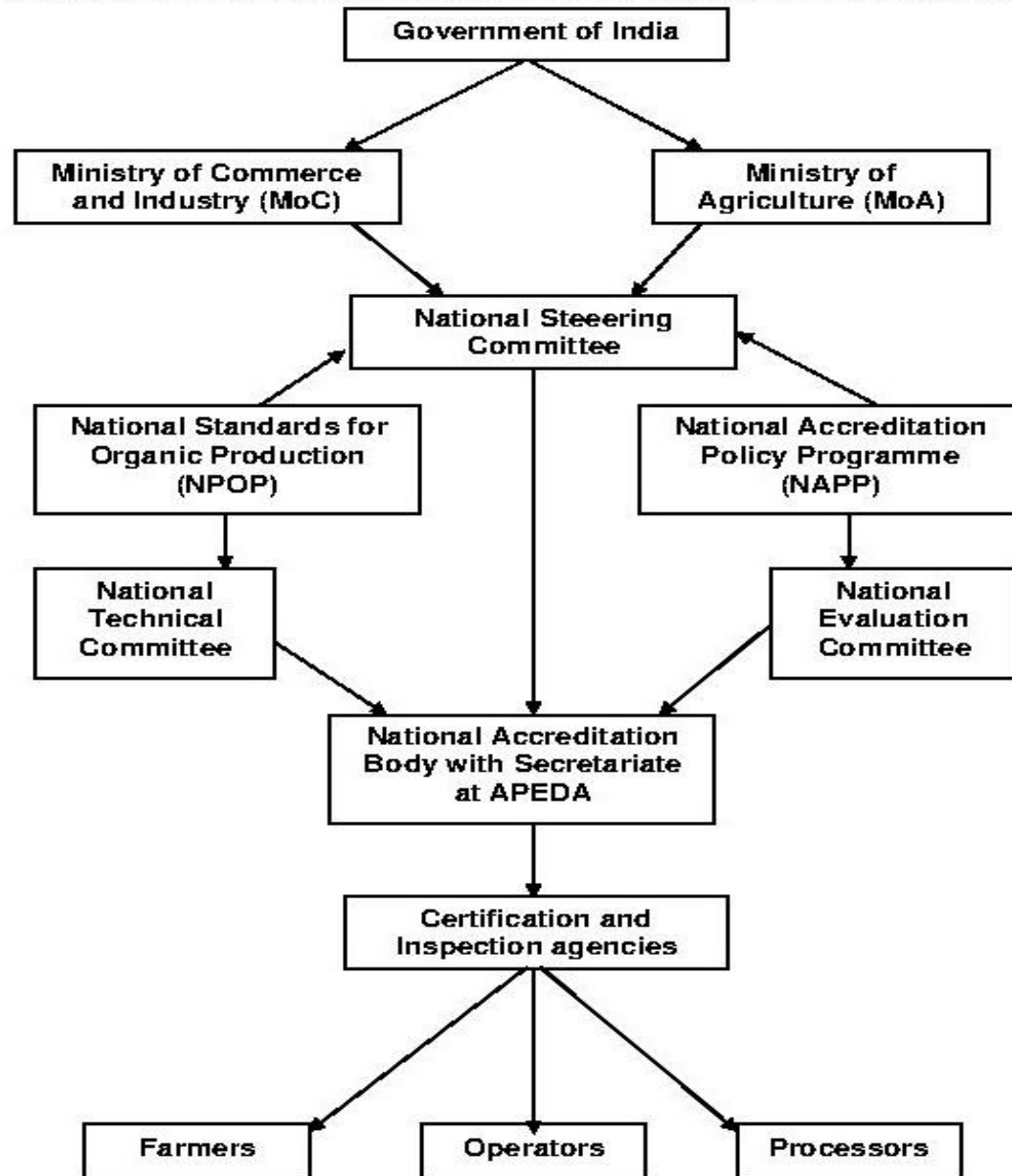
Based on compliance with the standards and certification programmes, accredited Inspection and Certification Agencies will certify the organic status of products and operations, specifying their conditions and recommendations.



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Operational Structure of National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)





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- ❖ Accreditation is open to Inspection and Certification Agencies engaged in the inspection and certification of organic production and/or processing operations.
- ❖ The Inspection and Certification Agencies' programmes must conform to all applicable standards, structures and operating procedures as laid down in the national standards for organic products.



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The Inspection and Certification Agency's programmes must have:

1. Been in operation for a minimum period of one year prior to the evaluation.
2. It should provide all required documents for reference.

The evaluation of the Inspection and Certification Agency will include the evaluation and selection process of the inspectors. In accordance with the accreditation criteria, the certification agency must exercise full responsibility for any services that it contracts out to third parties. The accreditation contract will be primarily with the Inspection and Certification Agency.



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- The scope of the National Accreditation Programme does not include advisory services extended to certification programmes.
- The Accreditation status of an Inspection and Certification Agency will apply to inspection and certification of only those categories of production, products and processing covered by the programme.



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